

# DX News

•Serving DX'ers since 1933•

Volume 60, No. 11 - December 21, 1992 (ISSN 0737-1659)



## Inside...

- 2 .. AM Switch
- 3 .. Now and Then
- 4 .. DDXD

- 14 .. IDXD
- 18 .. For Beginners
- 19 .. Dan Henry
- 20 .. Musings

### CPC Test Calendar

Call	Freq	Date	EST Time
KGWA	960	Dec. 21, 1992	0101-0130
KNED	1150	Dec. 21, 1992	0200-0230
WSMI	1540	Dec. 23, 1992	0100-0110
WKGF	1480	Dec. 28, 1992	0200-0230
KNK	540	Dec. 28, 1992	0200-0230
WNTK	1020	Jan. 4, 1993	0300-0330
KEAN	1280	Jan. 4, 1993	0330-0400
KDES	920	Jan. 11, 1993	0400-0430
WOC	1420	Jan. 18, 1993	0215-0230
KXTQ	950	Jan. 18, 1993	0230-0300
KEWI	640	Jan. 23, 1993	0300-0330
KEYZ	660	Jan. 25, 1993	0130-0200
KAZM	780	Jan. 25, 1993	0200-0230
WSMI	1540	Jan. 27, 1993	0100-0110
WMT	600	Jan. 31, 1993	0100-0200

**WNTK-1020** - P. O. Box 2295 - New London, NH 02357 will conduct a DX test from 3:00-3:30 AM EST January 4. The test will include Morse code, tones, and voice ID's, with an omnidirectional antenna pattern at 10 kW. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Robert L. Vinikoor, president. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

**KEAN-1280** - P. O. Box 3098 - Abilene, TX 79604 will conduct a DX test from 3:30-4:00 am EST. The test will include Morse code, tones, voice ID's, and country music. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. James Cameron, chief engineer. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

**KDES-920** - P. O. Box 2745 - Palm Springs, CA 92263-2745 will conduct a DX test from 4:00-4:30 am EST January 11. The test will include Morse code ID's and music. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Joe Tourtelot (KB6FX), vice president and general manager. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

**KXTQ-950** - 904 East Broadway - Lubbock, TX 79403 will conduct a DX test from 2:30-3:00 am EST January 18. The test will include Morse code ID's and bilingual English/Spanish program material. Reception reports may be sent to Tanya Roberts, General Manager. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

(Details for other tests listed above were in previous or will be listed in future DXN's.)

From the Publisher ... Just a thank-you to all of

you who sent cards and messages of good cheer. And ... good tidings of joy, peace, and good will to all who DX, no matter which holidays you celebrate this season.

**DXChange** ... Alan Merriman - P. O. Box 66 - Annandale, VA 22003, (703) 354-2135 is offering unmatched pairs of MPF102 FET's for Dallas Lankford or Mark Connelly BFE-C loop amps. Two matched pairs for one amp, \$5.00, shipping included ... and Bob Walker - 1642 River View - Rochester Hills, MI 48309, (313) 651-0574 would like to sell his Kenwood R5000 with original packing, manuals, and YK88A 6 kHz AM and YK88S 2.4 kHz SSB filters installed, plus the DCK2 DC power cord, with a Radio Shack Minimus-7 for external speaker, \$650.

**Welcome to these new members** ... Allan Radella, Rochester, PA; Chris Knight (rejoins), Longmont, CO; J. Michael Crawford, Garland, TX; Todd Skaine, Minneapolis, MN; Ron Kashner, Steamboat Springs, CO; Shane Worth, McCutchenville, OH; Calvin Moser, Roanoke, IL; and Edward P. Remski, South New Berlin, NY.

### DX Time Machine

From the pages of *DX News*:

**50 years ago ... from the Dec. 19, 1942 DXN:** Ernie Cooper, Brooklyn, NY said that his reports to TTPG-625 and TIBAS-655 were returned by the censor saying that transmission was forbidden. He was writing to the Chief Censor in Washington to ask why. The Service Members' Fund stood at \$17.65.

**25 years ago ... from the December 23, 1967 DXN:** Among countries from Don Reynolds' "First 25 countries" list were Swan Island-1157, Colombia-850 and 1136, Haiti-1035, Surinam-725, Costa Rica-825 and 1125, Ecuador-995, China-1040 and 835, Panama-1045, and Asiatic Russia-1475, 1376, and 548.

**10 years ago ... from the December 20, 1982 DXN:** Retiring Musings editor Ernie Cooper listed some of the problems he had survived in 36 years and two months of editing the column, including publishing more than one Musing at a time, censorship, publicizing IRCA CPC tests, type size, poetry, and mention of FM DX.

# AM Switch

Jerry Starr  
c/o WHOT Radio  
4040 Simon Road  
Youngstown, OH 44512-1320

## Status changes in AM stations, supplied by the FCC and listeners

### CALL LETTER CHANGES

Old call:  
1120 WYZQ TN Maryville  
(See Otherness below)

New call:  
WOGM

radio 11  
**WBAL**  
**98 Rock**

### APPLICATIONS/GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

None

### APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

1030 KBUF KS Holcomb: reduce day power to 1000 watts, antenna to U1  
1300 KDOV OR Phoenix: day power to 20000 watts  
1580 WOCF FL Punta Gorda: decrease powers to 160/106 U1

### GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

1300 KBCN AK Fairbanks: powers to 5000/5000 U1 (will duplex into KCBF-820 antenna)

### OTHERNESS

640 WWJZ NJ Mount Holly: license was granted 11-25-92 and station, which had been running program tests, has announced regular programming will begin in mid-December.  
1120 WOGM TN Maryville: station which had been silent is ON THE AIR using their former calls, evidently WYZQ was set aside or had been dropped while they were silent.  
1220 WOHP TN Etowah: station, which has been silent and then returned to the air several times, became SILENT again in September 1992.  
1240 WODE PA Easton: silent station is ON THE AIR  
1250 WINF SC Winnsboro: renewal of license for this long silent station has been DISMISSED by the FCC, call letters DELETED  
1460 WIFI NJ Florence: new station, as reported in our last issue, is indeed running dual IDs along with WIBG-1020 but the programming, while similar, is NOT simulcast according to a local monitor. If it is not simulcast, we wonder why they have the dual ID. Hopefully we'll have more on this mystery.  
1490 WCSV TN Crossville: station is SILENT but licensee claims they will soon return with another one of those Traveler's Information formats.

THANKS: Dave Schmidt, David Lewis, MSJ

### FCC TO ADOPT AM STEREO STANDARD

Finally! Congress slipped into an FCC appropriation in October the order that required the FCC to adopt an AM Stereo Standard. It is generally assumed they will select C-Quam. The rulemaking was on the Commission's agenda for 12-10-92. We can't imagine that even the broadcasters who have AM stereo will be very excited

by this action which, in our opinion, comes much too late to do anything to advance AM stereo. The FCC's "marketplace" cop-out on the standards decision during AM stereo's infancy most likely signed its death certificate. Before the advent of the "spineless" FCC they had no problem selecting a standard from among many systems for both FM and color TV. If AM operators and radio equipment manufacturers had any sort of clear mandate they might have been less hesitant to go forward. With the possibility of in-band AM DAB on the horizon, we feel the present AM stereo system is a now dead issue.

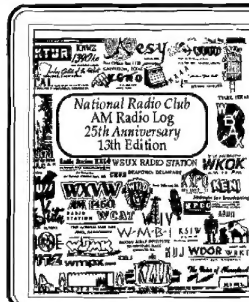
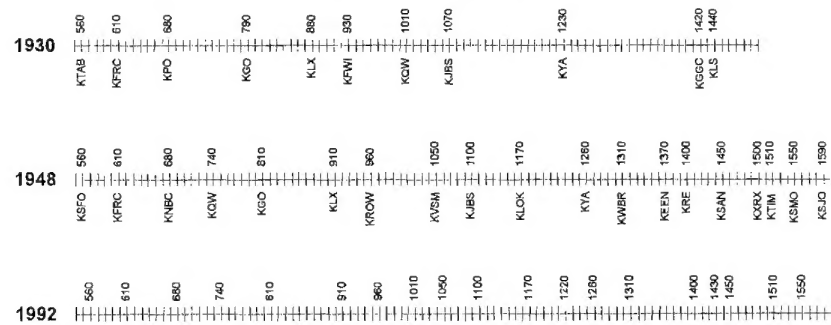
**THE GREAT BURNING NRC LOG QUESTION:** Members have written to ask the date of the last AM Switch changes to be incorporated in the new NRC AM Log. The new Log includes changes up to and including the AM Switch in Volume 59 Issue 28. Start updating your Log beginning with the AM Switch in the DX News dated August 31, 1992.

73 and Good DX, *Jerry & BKF* Jerry Starr & Buffalo K. Foorman

## Now and Then John D. Bowker

### Dial changes in AM markets, from 1930 to 1948 to 1992

#### SAN FRANCISCO MARKET



The NRC AM Radio Logbook, 13th Edition, is the most accurate AM radio listing of stations in the U. S. and Canada. Only \$16.95; Canada \$17.95 to U. S./Canadian NRC Subscribers ONLY. \$19.95 to U. S., Non-NRC Subscriber; \$20.95 Canadian Non-NRC Subscriber. Airmail: to Europe, \$27.00, to the Pacific nations, \$32.00.

Mail to: NRC Publications - Box 164 - Mannsville, NY 13661 (NY residents add sales tax).

# Domestic DX Digest

North: Bill Hale

495 Creekview Drive - Meridian, ID 83642-3241

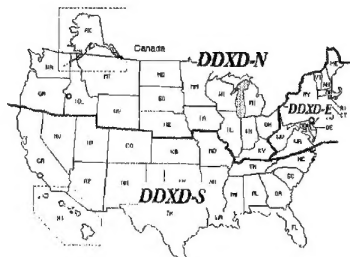
South: Duncan Shaw

3131 S. McClintock B111 - Los Angeles, CA 90007

East: Dave Braun

11 Mill Bend Acres - Wyoming, DE 19934-9523

**DX Catches in the U. S. and Canada, with 24-hr. ELT**



## DDXD North

### MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- **Shawn Axelrod and Wayne McRae** went over the river and through the woods to Grandmother's hou. . . er, ah, their Valhalla, Manitoba DX site. Gliding the equipment in on toboggans, wading through knee-deep snow. Ah-h-h, DX Dedication. Good report, guys.
- **Don Lynch** writes to say that . . . "Dave Evans' report in Issue #7 is incorrect. WQWQ - 1590 - Waterbury, CT is silent. What Dave heard simulcasting WAQY-FM 102 is WIXY - 1600 - East Longmeadow, MA. I believe that WIXY and WAQY have common ownership. WIXY has been broadcasting the WAQY programming for about a year. There is never any mention on the air about the WIXY call letters. There is also no sign-on or sign-off announcement. WIXY, which broadcasts from approximately 0600 to approximately just after midnight, powers up and down right in the middle of WAQY's rock style programming. One minute it's there and the next minute it's gone." Thanks, Don. OK, now, Dave. All you have to do is change your logging and get your dial calibrated, hi.
- Welcome back, **Tim Kerfoot!** After a 10 year absence, Tim has rejoined us. Thanks for the Graveyard update, included later in the column.
- Here are the DDXD-N deadlines for the next few issues . . . Issue 13 material should be here by January 2nd; Issue 14 goodies are due here January 9th; and DX for Issue 15 should be in my mailbox NLT January 16th. All those dates are Mountain Time, hi.
- To one and all . . . **HAPPY HOLIDAYS** from all of us here at 495 Creekview Dr. Hope Santa is good to each and every one of you. And your New Year is filled with prosperity, especially DX!!

### SPECIAL

- 1160 **WCXI** **MI** Fenton - Noted silent on Thanksgiving Day [11/26 - Ed.] and still off as of 12/1. (TS-MI)
- 1450 **KVCK** **MT** Wolf Point - 11/18 1004-1008 - ABC-Info News followed by local and Montana news and road report sponsored by a Ford dealer and a bank. Unsigned verie says *Our call letters have changed from KTYZ to KVCK*. (BM-SD) [Yup. For the benefit of all others, this was in **AM Switch** in Issue 8, which hit the streets a week after I received this report - Ed.]



### UNIDs and UNID HELP

- 550 **UNID** ?? - 12/1 1840-1850 - Synthesized voice counting backwards by seconds, the sort used by stations counting down to a new format. First heard counting in the 29,800 range. Sounded local, but faded at 1850 and was gone later. Thought it might be silent WCXI testing on 550??? (TS-MI)
- 610 **UNID** ?? - Can someone tell me who is the Canadian with FF TELF format I hear here almost every night? It has to be either CFLO or CHNC. I have never heard an ID out of this guy (my FF is nil, however). **REH-ON**, whaddya hear at your QTH? (RF-OH)
- 930 **CKNS** **ON** Espanola - Is **AM-IL**'s unID of 8/16 (DXN Vol 60 Issue 5). They are heard here often IDing as *North Shore Radio*. (RF-OH) [That clinches it! - Ed.]

- 1300 **KMPS** **WA** Seattle - May be the editor's unID of 10/14 (Issue 4). They ID as *New Country, KMPS 94.1*. Every once in a while they give a fuller ID as *KMPS-AM* and *KMPS-FM Seattle*. (GS-BC) [Am sure 'twas them now. After getting your letter I tried again 12/1 0300, and heard with excellent signal, female anncr with full, clear ID as *KMPS-FM Seattle*, but not a mention of AM! [Ed.-ID]
- 1330 **UNID** ?? - 11/20 1610-1616 fade - Someone here with BBC World Service, possibly an NPR or APR affiliate. (MS-ON) [Da new AM Radio Log says that WHAZ Troy, NY is an APR affiliate. May have been them - Ed.]
- 1570 **UNID** ?? - 11/22 0930 - Fair with *All new, All Sports Radio 1570 AM*, covering sports of the *Coolie? Region, the Midwest and the World*. Best on south wire. (MBDXP) [Dang! I remember either typing up or reading about somebody on 1570 doing sports in a big way, but can't recall who. Maybe somebody can lend the DXPeditioners a hand on this- Ed.]



### TIS & OTHER STUFF

- 530 **WNWN881** **ND** Fargo - 11/22 0920 - TAS station as logged previously in ND. Info on Fargo & area. Very poor. (MBDXP)
- KOD773** **WA** Olympic National Park - This TIS gets out well. Presumably located on Hurricane Ridge because it can be heard fairly well on Whidby Island (where 1610 kHz Port Angeles TIS is not detectable). During the day in Victoria, a second TIS is present under KOD773 with a man's voice, in contrast to the female's on Olympic Park. (GS-BC)
- 1260 **BC** Swartz Bay - BC Ferry information TIS. Audible from the ferry dock at Swartz Bay to about 2 miles south. (GS-BC)
- 1610 **KOP796** **MT** Deer Lodge - 11/22 0810 - Very poor with info on Deer Lodge Valley historical sites. New! (MBDXP)
- WNBQ843** **WA** Port Angeles - City of Port Angeles Radio TIS is quite loud here, with tourist items for both Port Angeles and Victoria. Over 20 miles distant, but a water path, naturally. (GS-BC)
- WI** Kenosha - 11/22 1017 - Good with *Welcome to Wisconsin. You're listening to Wisconsin Travellers Radio broadcasting from Kenosha by the Wisconsin Department of Tourism*. Info on all kinds of events throughout the state. In almost continuously from 1622 on 11/21. BIG PEST. (MBDXP)

### MIDNIGHT TO 0800 HOURS ELT

- 570 **WNAX** **SD** Yankton - 11/18 0309 - With regional news, visibility report, ID and jingle, then C&W music. Fair in null of WKBN. (MJ-MI)
- 640 **KFI** **CA** Los Angeles - 12/2 0132 - With talk program, PST TC, weather, traffic, and ID. Poor to fair, but readable. State #39. (MJ-MI)
- 800 **CHRC** **PQ** Quebec City - 11/21 0431 - Fair, briefly over CKLW in FF with news, NHL scores. (MS-ON)
- 900 **WATK** **WI** Antigo - 11/22 0317 - In with ID and weather, then C&W music. With WFRO off and CHML unusually weak. (MJ-MI)
- 910 **KVIS** **OK** Miami - 11/28 0030 - Good atop with local ads and ID. (RF-OH)
- 920 **KARN** **AR** Little Rock - 11/28 0033 - Good with ID, then → Larry King. (RF-OH)
- 950 **KPRC** **TX** Houston - 11/28 0215 - *AM 950 KPRC* ID heard in mess under looped pest WWJ. New, finally heard Houston, but took me 25 years! (RF-OH)
- 1010 **KBIS** **AR** Little Rock - 11/17 0700 - Very good with *AM 1010 KBIS* ID. Dominating frequency. No CFRB at last. (SA-MB)
- 1130 **KWKH** **LA** Shreveport - 12/2 0155 - With WWWW running only OC this morning, this was barely audible under the carrier with weather *For Mile 10 on Interstate 40* and ID, then C&W music. (MJ-MI)
- 1150 **KLRG** **AR** North Little Rock - 11/27 0337 - Briefly surfaced with *Make a joyful noise with Praise 1150 KLRG*. (RF-OH)
- WHBY** **WI** Kimberly - 11/27 0325 - In big pileup with ID. New. (RF-OH)
- 1520 **WOOO** **IN** Shelbyville - 11/22 0630 - Good with contest to win turkeys on *W-3-OH* New!! (MBDXP)

## 0800 TO 1600 HOURS ELT

- 590 **KLGE MT** Glendive - 11/22 0900 - Fair with *KLGE Glendive* ID into REL program. New!! (MBDXP)
- 730 **KURL MT** Billings - 11/22 1000 - Good with weather, *KURL* ID, *Christian Radio*. Under CKDM. New!! (MBDXP)
- 810 **WJJQ WI** Tomahawk - 11/22 1028 - Poor with *Double J* ID, mentions of Wisconsin. Weather report, under CKJS. New! (MBDXP)
- 1030 **KJDI CA** San Luis Obispo - 11/29 0859:30 - Happened by this by chance. XLNT for about 45 seconds with some kind of promo, then ID: *The only news-talk station you'll ever need is KJDI San Luis Obispo* → USA Radio News. After about 10 seconds of the news, it faded into oblivion. KTWO coming up. [Ed.-ID]
- 1150 **WHBY WI** Kimberly - 11/22 0915 - Fair with local ad for meat market and Green Bay football talk. Over/under WAYY. New! (MBDXP)
- 1440 **KKXL ND** Grand Forks - 11/15 1518 - Excellent with *Double K Country* IDs. (SA-MB)
- 1470 **KMFI AZ** Sierra Vista - 11/19 0931-0934 - With Toyota dealer ad, smoke detector PSA, signing call letters and unidentified tune. DX test not heard due to loud KWSL on night pattern. (BM-SD)
- KWOG WY** Douglas - 11/22 0845 - Poor with *KWOG* ID, *Word of God* non-IDs → music. Over/under CJVB. New!! (MBDXP)
- 1510 **WAUK WI** Waukesha - 11/22 0845 - Poor with polka music, *WAUK* IDs, *Energy 1510* non-IDs. (MBDXP)
- 1590 **KZOK WA** Seattle - 11/25 0917-0920 - On top with promo for *Z-Rock* *Headbangers Hotline*, followed by unidentified tune. First time heard here. (BM-SD)



## 1600 TO 2400 HOURS ELT

- 550 **WAYR FL** Orange Park - 11/26 2301 - In mess with clear ID. If NRC Log is correct, this is 800 miles with only 80 watts! New. (RF-OH)
- 560 **KWTO MO** Springfield - 11/27 2245 - Good atop with Talknet, 2259 ID, 2300 ABC News. New. (RF-OH)
- 570 **KISN UT** Salt Lake City - 11/21 2000 - Very poor with *KISN* ID. In heavy CKY slop. New! (MBDXP)
- CKGL ON** Kitchener - 11/21 2354 - Fair with C&W music → news at :00. New! (MBDXP)
- 590 **KID ID** Idaho Falls - 11/20 1859-1902 - Promo for football broadcast, ID, intro of *Channel 8 Live at Five* news simulcast. 1st time heard here. (BM-SD) [Another TV news simulcast - Ed.]
- 720 **WRZN FL** Hernando - 11/28 1732 - Good in WGN null with NOS-type music (Doris Day with *Here Comes Santa Claus*). Mention of 10000 watts and pattern change at 1734. (KMR-MI)
- WGCR NC** Brevard - 11/28 1645 - Gospel and bluegrass music with ID at 1645. Announcer then talked about writing to a station at a Pisgah Forest address. (KMR-MI)
- 810 **WBIC GA** Royston - 11/27 1715 - Good with oldies music and talk about signing off in 15 minutes. (KMR-MI)
- 840 **WGHY AL** Mobile - 11/28 1800 - Sign-off. Poor, in WLUP null. (KMR-MI)
- WHGH GA** Thomasville - 11/19 1744 - Excellent with rap music and sign-off as *Clear Channel 840, WHGH*. (MJ-MI)
- 850 **WPTB GA** Statesboro - 11/28 1812 - Good with *Georgia Tech* network football. (KMR-MI)
- 870 **WKAR MI** East Lansing - 11/21 1601 - Fair in CJBC splatter with *Michigan State University* football. (MS-ON)
- 940 **WMAZ GA** Macon - 11/20 1705 - ID and possible talk program with CBM in WWJ null. (MJ-MI)

- 950 **WXGI VA** Richmond - 11/27 1730 - Good in WWJ null with C&W music and ID. (KMR-MI)
- CKBB ON** Barrie - 11/21 2339 - Good with oldies, local ads with a lot of *CKBB* IDs. Over/under WWJ. [Let me guess. New, right? - Ed.] New!! (MBDXP)
- 1000 **WMUF TN** Paris - 11/27 1800 - Sign-off with a good signal. In WLUP null. (KMR-MI)
- 1010 **KKGZ CO** Brush - 11/21 1722 - Good with *Colorado State* football | KRDZ-1440. Both 1010 & 1440 ID as *KSZR*. (MBDXP)
- 1060 **WNOB LA** New Orleans - 11/28 1900-1930 - Strong in KYW null during a *Real Country* all-request weekend. Heard *Teddy Bear* (another song with a radio theme, hi) and weather read by Kimberly at 1925. Forecast included freeze warnings for New Orleans. Used to hear them during similar conditions as Top-40 in the 60s. (TS-MI)
- 1070 **WHYZ SC** Greenville - 11/27 1825 - Good with Black music, *Top 6 at 6* program. IDs and call-in contest. (KMR-MI)
- 1160 **WJJD IL** Chicago - 12/1 2030-2130 - In & out, strong at times. Always there in WACY/WCXI null, but now listenable all day. Had *Northwestern University* basketball (vs *University of Chicago*) with Joe McConnell. (TS-MI)
- 1180 **WHJM TN** Knoxville - 11/27 1900 - Excellent with Hank Williams song & other C&W music. 1900 ID, then into news. (KMR-MI)
- 1240 **WTAX IL** Springfield - 11/24 1859 - Fair with CBS programming, *Sears*, and other, ads. ID mentioning Springfield into CBS News. (MS-ON)
- 1330 **WKTA IL** Evanston - 11/20 1659 - Fair with instrumental music, anct in unknown language (Polish?) mentioning Chicago, then EE announcement . . . *exclusively in the Chicago area on AM 1330 WKTA*, reference to the *KTA Radio Network*, legal ID as *WKTA Evanston - Chicago* and back to foreign-language programming. Previously heard as WSSY. (MS-ON)
- 1350 **CKDO ON** Oshawa - 11/18 2319 - Good with local ads, lots of *CKDO* IDs. No sign of being | FM. New. (SA-MB)
- 1370 **KSHY WY** Cheyenne - 11/26 1727-1731 - On top with *Hope Line* show | KNGN 1360, promo for church service broadcast, 2 more promos. (BM-SD)
- 1390 **WTJS TN** Jackson - 11/17 1940 - Fair with ID in WRTH null. Thanks to Wayne for the tip. New!! (SA-MB)
- 1410 **WLSH PA** Lansford - 11/25 1700 - Fair with legal ID by female, news. (MS-ON)
- CKSL ON** London - 11/24 1656 - Good with station announcements, *Toys and Wheels* toy store ad, *White Oaks Mall* ad, call letter ID. Rare here, despite relative proximity. (MS-ON)
- 1440 **WMAX MI** Bay City - 11/18 2223 - Good with 1440 *WMAX* ID. CNN Sports. New!! (SA-MB)
- 1520 **KSIB IA** Creston - 11/21 1755 - Good with C&W music, *Creston Radio* non-ID. Under KOMA. (MBDXP)
- WWKB NY** Buffalo - 11/21 1745 - Fair with *Miami Hurricanes* football network IDs. Finally *WWKB* and *KB* IDs. Fooled us for a while. Under KOMA. (MBDXP)
- 1530 **WWGZ MI** Lapeer - 11/24 1659 - Poor → fair in CHIN splatter with ads for an auto dealership in Lapeer and North Branch. C&W music. (MS-ON)
- 1550 **WYNX GA** Smyrna - 11/25 1644 - Good atop mess (CBE Looped) with REL TLK, 1650 local traffic report & local ads, then more REL TLK. No ID, but mentions of local, state and federal highway routes and cities, plus format. Would seem to indicate WYNX. New. (RF-OH)
- 1560 **WQEW NY** New York - 12/1 1840-1850 - Strong with very little WWCK splash. Has been using these calls with the old format for several days. Heard *New York At Night* news and features magazine | FM with many mentions of WQXR 96.3, but AM calls given only on the hour. (TS-MI2)
- 1580 **WLIJ TN** Shelbyville - 11/24 1754 - Fair with C&W music, furniture company ad with mentioned . . . *on Madison Street here in Shelbyville, Tennessee*. (MS-ON)
- 1600 **WAAM MI** Ann Arbor - 11/24 1746 - Fair over semi-local CHNR with weather mentioning . . . *at WAAM Weather Center* and contest promo for *WAAM Weekly Turkey Draw*. (MS-ON)
- WSFN MI** Muskegon - 11/17 1933 - *Sports Radio* slogan. Talk of sports drafts. New!! (SA-MB)



# REPORTERS

**SA-MB** Shawn Axelrod Winnipeg, MB; R-70 with PLAM board + 4' loop or 100' wire  
**MBDXP** Shawn Axelrod & Wayne McRae Valhalla Beach, MB DX Site; ICOM R-70 with PLAM board & 4 kHz filter or two of these R-70s hooked up to a beverage heading south, northeast or west  
**BM-SD** Bill Moser Pierre, SD; GE Superadio II barefoot  
**GS-BC** Gray Scrimgeour Victoria, BC; caradio  
**RF-OH** Rich Frcho Willoughby, OH; Drake R8, JRC NRD-515, LA-36 loop, 1w  
**KMR-MI** Ken Romstadt Ottawa Lake, MI; FRG7700 & Radio West Loop [Thanks for stickers, Ken - Ed.]  
**MS-ON** Morris Sorensen Scarborough, ON; Hammarlund HQ-150 + McKay dymek DA-9 ferrite loop  
**MJ-MI** Mike Jeziorski Detroit, MI; Superadio  
**TS-MI** Tom Sanders Davison, MI; Sony ICF-2010 or MI2 Davison, MI; JVC caradio  
**Ed.-ID** Editor Meridian, ID; Superadio

## GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

<b>1230 kHz:</b>							
WCBT NC Roanoke Rapids	Joe Kureth	Uniontown, MD	220				
<b>1400 kHz:</b>							
CKOB ON Renfrew	Joe Kureth	Uniontown, MD	437				
<b>1450 kHz:</b>							
CHRT PQ St. Eleuthere	Joe Kureth	Uniontown, MD	666				
<b>Totals:</b>							
Joe Kureth Uniontown, MD	29	34	40	29	35	36	203
Tim Kerfoot Metro Toronto, ON	22	28	34	28	26	43	181
bold designates updates							

## ABBREVIATIONS AND SPECIAL SYMBOLS USED IN DDxD - North

[ | :parallel with or to - :into :00: on the hour AC:Adult contemporary AP:Associated Press  
 BBD:big band BRN:Business Radio Net C&W:country & western CFL:Canadian Football League  
 CHR:contemporary hit radio CID:code ID CL:call letter ContChr:contemporary Christian  
 EZL:easy listening EE:English FF:French GOS:gospel IRN:Interstate Radio Net  
 LSR:local sunrise LSS:local sunset NBA:National Basketball Assn NHL:National Hockey League  
 NFL:National Football League NPR:National Public Radio OC:open carrier POL:political  
 PSRA:pre-sunrise authority PSSA:post-sunset authority QRM:man-made interference  
 QRN:natural interference QTH:location REL:religious ROK:rock 'n' roll RS:regular schedule  
 \$:stereo SID:singing ID SRS:sunrise skip SS:Spanish SSB:Star Spangled Banner SSS:sunset skip  
 TC:time check TT:test tones UC:urban contemporary UPI:United Press International

## DDXD-East

### NEWS AND VIEWS

Welcome to Bob Harrison and Joe Kureth with their first reports of Volume 60, Joe's first report since rejoining in the summer. Thanks for the sticker, Joe. Hope to hear from both of you often.

Received a phone call from Greg Ledbetter in Purvis, Mississippi answering a question I asked in No. 8, (11-30 DX News) regarding the call letters of the Memphis station on 680, also a note from Ron Bailey in Shelby, North Carolina regarding a recent UNID, read on for details. Thanks for the information, guys!

Ed Urzi says he has had fairly good conditions to VA and NC from NY, but forgot to get up for the WIMA and WSMI tests. You're not alone, Ed. Apparently not many DXers are looking for these tests, or else they are just not reporting their results. How about it, NRCers?

I want to wish all of you a very pleasant holiday season.

**WJDB** Radio  
 AM and FM  
 P. O. Box 219  
 THOMASVILLE, ALABAMA 36784

## SPECIAL

**680 WEZI** TN Memphis - Simulcasts with WODZ-FM, Oldies 94.1 in Germantown. AM is WEZI. (GL-MS)  
**1560 WQEW** NY New York - 11/19 1700 Call letter change noted in legal ID: "These are the radio stations of the New York Times, WQXR-FM and WQEW, New York." Still parallel FM, still classical. Surprised to hear the "-FM" on the WQXR callsign. Shouldn't that be dropped? (BH-NJ)  
**WQEW** NY New York - 12/2 2205 Noted with new NOS format and IDs. While listening to Don Imus on WFAN on 11/30 he mentioned that the format was going to begin on 12/2. He also mentioned that WNEW had been sold for \$13 million, as opposed to the \$70 million price on WFAN, and wondered if that didn't tell people something about the NOS format in New York! As I type this on 12/6, 1130 is still WNEW and NOS also, so two NY stations carrying it at this time. (DB-DE)

radio mundo  
**WMDO**  
 am 1540

## DX TESTS

**1150 WIMA** OH Lima - 11/28 0031-0200 Poor to fair with "radio listener's test," mention of IRCA, voice and code IDs, and marching band music, u/o WMEX null and CJRC, report sent. (BC-NH)  
**WIMA** OH Lima - 11/28 0030+ Not heard, only WDEL and presumed CKMO. (DB-DE)

## UNID AND UNID HELP

**860 KFSAt** TX Nacogdoches - 10/17 2302 See Vol. 60, #7; I forgot to write in UC for the format on this one. (JK-VA)  
**900 UNID** 11/29 0748 Someone with ESPN sports program, gone by 0800. (DB-DE)  
**920 WIRD** NY Lake Placid - Charles Reh's UNID of October 25 is definitely WIRD as he suspected. They have been IDing as "Adirondack Radio" for about a year with all sorts of other Adirondack references. (LK-ON)  
**930 CKNS** ON Espanola - This is definitely the UNID of AM-IL in the November 9 DX-News. They ID as "North Shore Radio" and are a repeater for 1340-CKNR in Elliot Lake and often refer to Elliot Lake. (LK-ON)  
**960 UNID** 11/9 1940-2005 Reference Vol. 60, No. 8 DX News, Congratulations to HJH-PA on hearing what I am sure was WAAK-Dallas, NC. The format and phone prefix (922) check out exactly. It took me three days of listening at various times to this local before I heard them ID. (RB-NC)  
**1510 WAUK** WI Waukesha - 11/8 1903 Is probably my CW unid, since DE-PQ had them in on 10/28. (JK-VA)  
**1560 UNID** 11/20 0645 With "Zippo in the morning, on <fade> Good Time Radio <fade> 1560." Also thought that I may have heard Smokey Mountain mentions. Oldies, not NOS, so probably not WPAD? "Zippo in the morning" rings a bell somewhere. (JK-VA)

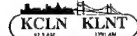
## 0000 to 0800 ELT

**540 WGTO** FL Cypress Gardens - 11/29 0333 Weak with 54-WGTO ID and jingle, under an UNID FF Canadian station. (BC-NH)  
**620 WSUN** FL St. Petersburg - 11/20 0627 In with "News Talk Radio 620 WSUN, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Clearwater," no longer "Country Classics." Doesn't seem like they are too "QSL friendly." (JK-VA)  
**WSUN** FL St. Petersburg - 11/29 0206 Poor with network news and west central Florida forecast from the weather center, o/u WVMT and others. (BC-NH)  
**640 WHLO** OH Akron - 11/29 0145 Fair with contemporary Christian and Christmas music, u/o Portenas (Venezuela). (BC-NH)  
**710 WEGG** NC Rose Hill - 11/21 0645 Caught sign-on announcement u/WOR - new. (JEK-MD)  
**780 CFDR** NS Dartmouth - 11/29 0138 Good with Classic Rock 780 CFDR ID, o/WBBM null. (BC-NH)  
**790 CIGM** ON Sudbury - 11/29 0132 Fair with "Today's Country" ID, promo for Blue Rodeo concert at the Grand Theater, and Country Cabaret CW music program, u/o WLKW. (BC-NH)  
**830 WCCO** MN Minneapolis - 11/14 0017 Good with advertisement for the "1993 Minnesota Weather Guide Calendar," and the Jim Rogers show. "WCCO 8-three-0" mentions. (JK-VA)  
**CFJR** ON Brockville - 11/29 0740 Noted on "Oldies Coast to Coast" program. (DB-DE)

- 850 WHDH MA Boston - 11/24 0217 ID, Talknet and Sears ad, rare here. (JEK-MD)  
 1060 CJRP PQ Quebec - 12/4 0649 Noted in KYW null with CHR and FF talk. (DB-DE)  
 1110 WWRX RI Providence - 11/23 0712 CNN and local news, all alone. (JEK-MD)  
 1160 KSL UT Salt Lake City - 11/14 0323 Fair/good with "You're listening to the Larry King Show on KSL, Salt Lake City, Utah." (JK-VA)  
 1220 CFVMt PQ Amqui - 11/28 0650 Local ads and program announcements in FF with references to "Radio Mutual." "Rock detente" format songs in FF with one Marty Robbins song. Faint in the null of CJSS with fade. (LK-ON)  
 1230 WESX MA Salem - 11/28 0734 Local news item for the area including Marblehead, then national and international news, weather and "I'm ?? ?? for WESX." Tons of other stations and fade. (LK-ON)  
 1240 WJTN NY Jamestown - 11/26 0107 Up from the noise for an ID. (JEK-MD)  
 CJNH ON Bancroft - 11/28 0717 I was just listening to the stew bubble and up pops the local weather for Bancroft, call ID and into a soft rock song. Weak but steady for a fair while. (LK-ON)  
 1270 WCBC MD Cumberland - 11/26 0635-0640 Good with local news, many local ads, "WCBC 12-70 news time" time checks. (BH-NJ)  
 1310 WDCT VA Fairfax - 11/26 0652-0700 Atop crowded frequency with quiet music. Previously heard only on 2/16/87 DX test. (BH-NJ)  
 1330 WADJ PA Somerset - 11/26 0554-0605 Good in WWRV null with Mutual news program, legal ID: "Around the clock news comes first, Radio 13-30, WADJ, Somerset," into CNN news then local news. (BH-NJ)  
 1420 WCOJ PA Coatsville - 12/4 0728 Good with WDOV splash with Christmas music, mention of news coming up at 0730 and notice of a bazaar at the Coatsville Fire Department all day, then more Christmas music. (DB-DE)  
 WCED PA DuBois - 11/26 0705-0709 Fair u/WNJR splash with "classic 14-20" slogan, contest for dinner at Holiday Inn, 60's oldies. (BH-NJ)  
 1470 WJDY MD Salisbury - 11/22 0556 Good with REL, "That was <fade> on 1470 WJDY." New here. (JK-VA)  
 1510 WSSH MA Boston - 11/14 0049 Very loud with SS programming, way over usually dominant WLAC. (JK-VA)  
 1540 KXEL IA Waterloo - 11/14 0021 In at semi-local strength with The Interstate Radio Network and CW, KXEL-1540 mentions. (JK-VA)  
 1560 WPADt KY Paducah - 11/14 0033 Think this is them, with NOS, way under WQXR. (JK-VA)  
 WAGL SC Lancaster - 11/20 0659 Good after sign-on with mentions of Lancaster and Rocky Hill, then CW. (JK-VA)  
 1600 WUNR MA Brookline - 11/28 0021 Noted with ads for Mattapan and Dorchester businesses, and Super-16 Soul ID, in English. (BC-NH)

### 0800 to 1600 ELT

- 750 WSB GA Atlanta - 11/7 1343+ over local WBMD. (JEK-MD)  
 1590 WNTSt IN Beech Grove - 11/29 1501 USA Network News, weather with a high of 50 then into a religious program about sending Bibles to Russia with a phone number of 1-800-YES-WORD. Looped SW/NE. This is the only USA network station listed with this type of format. Severe fade. (LK-ON)



Clinton

### 1600 TO 2400 ELT

- 540 WGTO FL Cypress Gardens - 11/13 2250 Fair over XEWA with sports call-in show. (JK-VA)  
 560 WFRB MD Frostburg - 11/20 1632 Good for a while with call in giveaway. Caller got a WFRB (something?) card, into light pop music. (EU-NY)  
 570 WWNc NC Asheville - 11/25 2128 ID, Carolina Furniture ad, into "down-home" CW music. (JEK-MD)  
 590 WKHX GA Atlanta - 11/13 2310 In with CW, mentions of Georgia, etc. New here. (JK-VA)  
 600 WSJS NC Winston-Salem - 11/26 1907 News, weather and ID u/WCAO. (JEK-MD)  
 620 WVMT VT Burlington - 11/20 1643 Local strength signal with WSKQ looped, with music by the Stone Pony's, ad for Garth Dodge. (EU-NY)  
 640 CHOG ON Richmond Hill - 11/29 1952 Fair with rap/rock CHR format, Toronto AM-640 ID, and "AM-640 plays the most music" promo, in WHLO null. (BC-NH)  
 670 WWFE FL Miami - 11/13 1754-1815 Radio Fe - man and woman talking in SS, then call in talk show. Miami and Radio Fe mentioned several times. Way over Cuban - new here. (JEK-MD)  
 690 WPDQ FL Jacksonville - 11/26 2042 In with The Greg <fade> Sports call-in show on "The Mighty 690 WPDQ." Mixing with WTIx. (JK-VA)

- WTIX LA New Orleans - 11/13 1747 News, talk, business reports. (JEK-MD)  
 WTIx LA New Orleans - 11/26 1950-2300 Good most of the evening with NOS music followed by "Late Night New Orleans, on 690 WTIx AM, with Mr. Tony Ponsetti," race results, older callers, etc. New here for LA #4, New Orleans #3. (JK-VA)  
 WZAP VA Bristol - 11/20 1716 Poor under looped CBF with "Call to Calvary" REL program, power reduction sign-off. (EU-NY)  
 730 WLIL TN Lenoir City - 11/26 1848-1900 Good with "WLIL, Clear Channel 730 and FM 93.5, serving over 1(?) million people in 5(?) states since 1950(?)." Also IDs as "Your Piedmont Superstation." New here. (JK-VA)  
 760 WEND FL Brandon - 10/30 1800 ID only as Brandon, no call and no WJR. (JEK-MD)  
 790 WAEB PA Allentown - 11/29 1638 The Eagles-49ers game, local ads and a jingle ID "WAEB" then back to the game. In partial null and under CIGM with fade. (LK-ON)  
 WETB TN Johnson City - 11/26 2129 Strong with "Sunshine 79, WETB Johnson City, Kingsport, Bristol" ID and REL music. New here. (JK-VA)  
 810 WGY NY Schenectady - 11/26 1834 Good with oldies music and "News, traffic, weather when you need it, and great music, 810 WGY Schenectady." Also, they now carry the Gill Gross Show. (JK-VA)  
 850 KOA CO Denver - 11/24 2109-2200 Sports talk, "News Radio 85 KOA." Many ads and IDs. Favorite ad "Bronco Billy's Bar and Casino." No WEEU, or others, on channel. (JEK-MD)  
 KOA CO Denver - 11/26 2131-2146 Amazing! KOA in this early with news, talk and "Newsradio 85, KOA" IDs. (JK-VA)  
 WPTB GA Statesboro - 11/26 2143 In briefly over KOA with "You're enjoying the gospel programming of WPTB 850 AM in Statesboro, Georgia." New here. (JK-VA)  
 WYLF NY Penn Yan - 11/16 1659 Topping channel with EZL then "WYLF, Penn Yan, Canandaigua, Geneva" ID into SNN news. (EU-NY)  
 WNIS VA Norfolk - 11/27 1646 Fair under WHDH/WRMR with call-in discussion about Crisis Center, gave phone number as in log. (EU-NY)  
 870 WWL LA New Orleans - 11/26 2244 In at local strength with "You're listening to Rush Limbaugh on WWL, New Orleans." (JK-VA)  
 900 WGOK AL Mobile - 11/13 2218 ID, Sears ad, UC music. (JEK-MD)  
 920 WKRT NY Cortland - 11/25 1652 Poor with "920 WKRT" ID and mention of upcoming music from Clyde McPhatter and The Drifters. (EU-NY)  
 WMNI OH Columbus - 11/16 2031 Weak with others and Buckeyes promo. Advertising 24 hour request line. Needed one. (HJH-PA)  
 950 WXGI VA Richmond - 11/16 1739 Very good with CW, local weather, ad for Bohannon Office Systems in Richmond. (EU-NY)  
 1000 WRNJ NJ Hackettstown - 11/25 1628 Good with "WRNJ Pet Watch" (lost dogs and such) and promo for upcoming newscast with Stacey Wesco. (EU-NY)  
 1090 WBZB NC Selma - 11/14 1706 ID into "Beach music." Anyone who has lived in the Carolinas knows what Beach music is...old time 60's R&B stuff. WBZB is almost regular here at their 6:30 sign-on, even within 25 miles of WBAL on night pattern. (JEK-MD)  
 1100 WGPA PA Bethlehem - 11/25 1701 Good, mixing with WWWE, with local weather and "Sunny 1100" slogan. (EU-NY)  
 1140 CJTR PQ Trois-Rivieres - 11/16 1733 Really stomping on semi-local (approx. 25 miles away) WRVA with mentions of Quebec in FF. (JK-VA)  
 1150 WDEL DE Wilmington - 11/16 1730 In better than WRVA, talk, news, and WDEL mentions. (JK-VA)  
 1170 KVOO OK Tulsa - 11/16 1737 Bombing in with "KVOO's news has been brought to you by...The Radio Ranch, KVOO" then CW. (JK-VA)  
 1190 WECC GA St. Marys - 11/11 1723 ID between REL/GOS music. (JEK-MD)  
 1220 WENC NC Whiteville - 11/14 1720 Solid. Heard ID so well I called the station. The announcer on duty said it was his last shift as he was going to college. Seemed stunned that the signal was getting out that far. (JEK-MD)  
 1230 WERI RI Westerly - 11/27 2300 weak with ID, Mutual news, and Larry King, u/o an UNID SS station and others. (BC-NH)  
 1250 WZOB AL Fort Payne - 11/11 1735 Business news, ID into CW music, Clear and alone - new here. (JEK-MD)  
 WARE MA Ware - 11/28 Taking dedications for CW songs including one title that caught my attention, "Bubba got the Jukebox Last Night." Not silent. (LK-ON)  
 WIPS NY Ticonderoga - 11/1 1800 Stumbled across this one at sign-off. No QRM from anybody - new. (JEK-MD)

- 1270 WLBR** PA Lebanon - 11/25 1616 Good briefly with Dr. Dean Edell and "Medical Minute" promo "right here on your full service radio station...WLBR." (EU-NY)
- CFGT** PQ Alma - 11/27 2230 Fair with EE heavy metal rock music, FF DJ, u/o WTSN. (BC-NH)
- 1300 WNEA** GA Newnan - 11/25 1848 ID u/WJFK and Newnan Bank ad - new. (JEK-MD)
- WJFK** MD Baltimore - 11/27 2210 Fair to good with ID and light jazz instrumental music, o/u WAVZ. (BC-NH)
- 1320 WKRK** NC Murphy - 11/17 1830 Fair to good with ID, weather, request line program. (HJH-PA)
- 1330 WKDP** KY Corbin - 11/24 1759 Caught ID on tape under WFBC with signoff "This concludes another broadcast day on AM 1330 WKDP." (EU-NY)
- WFBC** SC Greenville - 11/24 1758-1805 Fair-good with "Sportsline" talk show then "Newstalk Radio WFBC Greenville-Spartanburg, the home of the Rush Limbaugh Show." (EU-NY)
- 1380 WLRV** VA Lebanon - 11/16 2005 Really strong with "non-satellite" oldies show. Announced they can also be received on Cablevision 36. I wonder what's on the screen? The latest picture of Elvis? (HJH-PA)
- 1430 WMRV** NY Endicott - 11/27 1944 Good with 105.7 jingle, mention of the Southern Tier, and 30 minutes of continuous soft hits. (BC-NH)
- 1460 CKRB** PQ St. Georges de Beauce - 11/27 1934 Good with "La celebration musique" ID and FF rock music, o/WGNA. (BC-NH)
- 1590 WERA** NJ Plainfield - 11/24 1659 Poor, mixing with WARV with OLD then "Rangers Hockey, Seton Hall (?) basketball, the NY Knicks and the best oldies...WERA Plainfield. (EU-NY)

### TIS

- 1620 WSNX** VA Virginia Beach - 11/7 1753 Travel info. ID didn't have any numbers after the call letters. Strong here on auroral nights. (JEK-MD)

### REPORTERS

- RB-NC Ron Bailey(AA4S), Shelby, NC: Icom IC-765, Seven 550' long beverages
- BC-NH Bruce Conti, Nashua, NH: R70, DX400, MWDX-5, 2-60 ft. wires
- BH-NJ Bob Harrison, Union, NJ: GE Superadio
- HJH-PA Harry Hayes, Wilkes-Barre, PA: Superadio, Superloop
- LK-ON Laurence Kearley, Orleans, ON: Sony ICF-SW1, Select-a-tenna
- JK-VA Jeff Kitz, Powhatan, VA: Sony CFM-140II AM/FM/Cassette 100% barefoot
- JEK-MD Joe Kureth, Uniontown, MD: SX-99 and 2 longwires
- GL-MS Greg Ledbetter, Purvis, MS:
- EU-NY Ed Urzi, Centereach, NY: R-5000, Palomar Loop or LW
- DB-DE Dave Braun, Wyoming, DE: R-2000, Palomar Loop



### DDXD-South

#### SPECIAL

- 1260 KGIL** CA San Fernando - rumor has it that Mt. Wilson FM Broadcasters, who owns 540-Costa Mesa, CA, is planning on buying KGIL. They will then start a BBD/NOS format simulcasting on the two stations. (DJS-CA)

#### unID's and unID's ID'ed

- 960 KNEB** NE Scottsbluff 11/9 0204 (follow-up on recent tentative report) per letter answering my tent. reception of their f/c, they said it was NOT them I heard. I had heard about a minute of a pulse-type tone. However, they were on at that time, with the usual continuous 1 kHz test tone per letter. Now, I wonder who it was I heard? (KVJ-GA)
- 1220 unID** 11/17 Ron Barr Sports talk to 0100, News, then s-off 0106. In and out with KBET in null of semi-local KDFC. (BR-CA)

#### DX & EQUIPMENT TESTS

- 570 KCNO** CA Alturas - 11/30 Definite blocks of code ID's, one minute in duration each at 0330 and 0339 thru KLIF QRM. First new CA since 1975! (KVJ-GA)

### TIS AND THE LIKE

- 530 TIS** GA Stone Mountain Park - TIS station with continuous :15 loop mentioning to stay tuned for future info on park services and events... *This transmitter test courtesy of nearby Dekalb College... ends with plug for college. About 7 miles from my QTH (the park, that is).* (KVH-GA)

#### 0000 - 0800 ELT

- 530 CIAO** ON Brampton - 11/27 0525-0540 Foreign language program, possibly SS, and spot at 0540 for "Frankie's Deli" in EE. (KVH-GA)
- 590 WMBS** PA Uniontown - 11/28 0616 local ads, ment. of Xmas charity, jingle ID, all in local WKHX null. (KVJ-GA)
- 1210 WDAO** OH Dayton - 11/17 0655 fair with B:GOS music. (KVJ-GA)
- 1490 WOMI** KY Owensboro - 11/18 0006 in briefly w/female voice, *You're listening to 1490-WOMI* (KVJ-GA)

#### 0800 - 1600 ELT

- 550 KBOW** MT Butte - 12/1 0826 C&W music; 0829 detailed MT wx; 0831 YL w/area news. Good, dominant sig. (JW-CO)
- 650 CKOM** SK Saskatoon - 11/20 0940 Ads, local birthdays; OM/YL annrcs chatting. Good in KMTI null. (JW-CO)
- 660 KEYZ** ND Williston - 11/20 0955 PSA against death penalty; C&W mx on 660 *Keys Country*; MST/CST TC's; 1000 legal ID & ABC News. Very good signal; good northern opening today. (JW-CO)
- 680 CJOB** MB Winnipeg - 11/21 0947 Local spots for Winnipeg and Steinbach, Male annrc. fielding calls from youngsters writing to Santa (address: North Pole, *Postal Code HOH OH0*) Very good in KNBR null. Also heard at high noon local (1400 ELT) during an amazing northern opening. (JW-CO)
- 1050 KMTA** MT Miles City - 11/21 1025 C&W music, YL DJ; *The Best country sound around*. Good, dominant signal (JW-CO)
- 1080 CKSA** AB Lloydminster - 11/21 1014 OLD, YL DJ, local ads, wx. Good w/KYBG-1090 slop. (JW-CO)
- 1530 WRTP** NC Chapel Hill - 11/21 0813 religious, scripture reading and Bible contest with female voice, WCKY nulled (KVJ-GA)

#### 1600 - 2400 ELT

- 550 WAYR** FL Orange Park - 11/17 1700 *Broadcasting the way of salvation, Way radio...* into Chuck Swindoll program (KVJ-GA)
- 580 WELO** MS Tupelo - 11/23 1859 *Your great memory station in Tupelo, AM 580...* NOS type music (KVJ-GA)
- 590 WCAB** NC Rutherfordton - 11/23 1758 Charlotte Hornets report, promo ment. #1 for sports in Rutherford Co. Local WKHX nulled (KVJ-GA)
- WGNE** FL Panama City - 11/23 2205 - 2215 EZL music, *Soft and easy, AM Stereo 590* promos. Local WKHX nulled (KVJ-GA)
- 900 CKBI** SK Prince Albert - 11/20 1737 Pop mx, WHL hockey program note, ads. Very good signal w/KPOF-910 splatter. (JW-CO)
- 930 CJCA** AB Edmonton - 11/20 1830 Hockey news with Scott McKenzie; *Hear the game right here on the Talk of the Town CJCA...* 1833 wx. Fair/good in QRM (JW-CO)
- KROE** WY Sheridan - 11/20 1843 Ad for hunting supply store, other local spots, call ID. Fair, o/u QRM. (JW-CO)
- 940 KVSH** NE Valentine - 11/19 1805 Lumber Yard ad; OM w/local news. Good w/KYGO-950 slop. (JW-CO)
- 950 WQBE** WV Charleston - 11/24 2300 good with local talk show promo, full legal ID into USA Radio Net. nx. (ETH-MO)
- 1010 KBIS** AR Little Rock - 11/24 2236 PBP Basketball - Hazen Hornets v. CAC Mustangs; local spots. Fair sig; no sign of CBR in semi-AU conditions. Call change here (finally), ex-KLRA (JW-CO)
- 1130 WKED** KY Frankfort - 11/23 1655 promo for the "11th annual Christmas Contest" and 1130-WKED (KVJ-GA)
- 1180 KYET** AZ Williams - 11/19 1928 Dave Kelly with wx, 1929 s-off annrc; 1930 "Evening Benediction", sung version of Lord's Prayer and off 1933. Good signal. (JW-CO)
- 1190 KEX** OR Portland - 11/18 2133 YL w/ traffic & wx; 1190 KEX, *The Northwest's news leader...* soon lost. NEW, OR #8. (JW-CO)

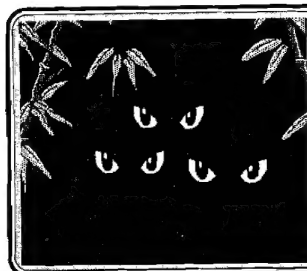
- 1290 WCHY GA Savannah - 12/2 1900 poor in mess, two call IDs by woman into C&W. Georgia #16 for me. (ETH-MO)
- 1300 WIMO GA Winder - 12/1 2000 poor in mess, legal ID incl. state just before the hour. (ETH-MO)
- 1320 KRLW AR Walnut Ridge - 12/2 1840 atop jumble in local KSIV null, local promo and call ID. (ETH-MO)
- 1490 KRIB IA Mason City - 12/2 2300 atop with legal ID into net nx; pesty KROC-1340 also in, again. (ETH-MO)
- 1570 KOSZ SD Vermillion - 11/24 1800 ID 1-5-7-0 Stereo oldies, KOSZ Vermillion. SNN Nx, 1802 Susan w/ area nx. Fair in KLOV null. (JW-CO)
- 1580 WLIJ TN Shelbyville - 11/23 1855 strong, full data s/off by man, ment 1000w, call, 6am sign-onn. 1580 #21 (ETH-MO)

## BITS AND PIECES

I just want to note that Earl is the first to send loggings via e-mail! My address is dshaw@aludra.usc.edu, and the deadline for computer submissions is Friday at 2100 ELT. Hope you all have a happy holiday season. 73

## REPORTERS

- (ETH-MO) Earl T. Higgins, St. Louis MO Sony ICF-2010 & SM-2
- (BR-CA) Bruce Reynolds San Jose, CA GE Superadio II
- (KVJ-GA) Karl V. Jeter Stone Mountain GA
- (JW-CO) John Wilkins Wheatridge, CO Drake R-8, 4' Box loop
- (DJS-CA) Duncan Shaw Los Angeles, CA Sangean ATS-818 CS



From NRC's DX Audio Service ...

## "After Dark #3"

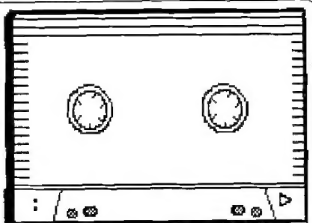
Four C-90 tapes in a holder now available for only \$9.50 postpaid. Listen to interviews with Jonathan Marks, Bruce Elving, and with Fred Vobbe answering your questions ... and features including profiles of WOJD-FM, the Kids format, and Pete Kemp's "Radio Roundup" ... and more! Order from NRC Publications - Box 164 - Mannsville, NY 13661. NY orders, please add sales tax.

## Music Grade audio cassettes

C-90 tapes: retail value ... \$4.00 each; just \$9.00 per 10, \$22.00 per 25, or \$42.00 per 50.

C-12 tapes, perfect for airchecks: 10 for \$7.50.

Order from NRC Publications - Box 164 - Mannsville, NY 13661. NY orders, please add sales tax.



## "Latin America on the Air"

Now available - 60 minutes of air checks from Latin America and the Caribbean, 23 countries including most of South America, the Falkland Islands, and more, in a storage case. Order DXC/4, for \$7.50, from NRC Publications; NY orders, please add sales tax.

# International DX Digest

Foreign DX Catches. Times are UTC; for ELT, subtract 5 hrs.

Just when I was about to beg for more reports from the West Coast, Jack Woods checks in from Oregon. How about some others from the left side?

Jim

## TRANS-PACIFIC DX

- 720 RUSSIA Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, 11/30 1200-1235 - Good signal with occasional fades. Chimes on the hour followed by female voice, "This is Radio Moscow", then world news highlights, news in detail, and commentary. Male and female speakers. Have heard this station before, but not with English programming. KDWN off, no sign of often-heard WGN. [JW-OR]
- 774 JAPAN JOUB Akita, 11/27 1335 - Poor with usual English language lesson; this at intermediate level. [JW-OR]
- 828 JAPAN JOBB Osaka, 11/27 1338-1345 - Good with advanced level English language lesson, man speaking about marketing. [JW-OR]
- 1476t RUSSIA Vladivostok, 11/27 1314 - Fair-to-poor with Asian language, female and male speakers, into piano music, classical. [JW-OR]
- 1566 SOUTH KOREA HLAZ Cheju, 11/30 1234 - Fair signal with man in Asian language. Also heard 11/27. This station was heard often a few years ago. Maybe TP reception is coming back. [JW-OR] (It certainly seems like TAs are back - Jim)

## PAN-AMERICAN DX

- 526 BAHAMAS ZLS Stella Maris, 11/24 0149 - Fair beacon under light dimmer buzz. [CH-RI]
- 535t GRENADA 11/27 0435 [CH-RI]
- 640 VENEZUELA Ondas Porteñas, 11/29 0733 - Excellent with Porteñas ID and salsa music, over WHLO, seems to be regular now, even when conditions for LA DX seem poor. [BC-NH]
- 670 CUBA R. Reloj, 11/30 2315 - R. Reloj noted here instead of usual R. Rebelde. [JR-NY]
- 690 ANGUILLA Caribbean Beacon, 11/29 0725 - Good with religion, much stronger than 1610 parallel. [BC-NH]
- 700 JAMAICA JBC Radio One, Montego Bay, 11/25 2302-2307 - Fair and alone on channel with DJ patter and reggae music; no trace of WLW which seemed

Jim Renfrew

61 Wilcox Street

Rochester, NY 14607-3832

odd because conditions were rather normal at the time; heard on car radio in Newton. [MD-MA]

740 PUERTO RICO WIAC, 11/29 0648-0705 - Waek with "Concierto de media noche" promo and many mentions of Puerto Rico and Santo Domingo (they must have a lot of Dominican listeners, over/under CHCM. [BC-NH] (The NRC Canadian American Night Pattern Book shows WIAC's pattern as a wide lobe pointing southeast, with the edge of the pattern just covering the southern half of the Dominican Republic, so I don't wonder that they hear WIAC in Santo Domingo, but I do wonder why we can hear them to the north so well! - Jim)

780 BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS ZBVI Roadtown, 12/7 0039 - Light music noted all alone on frequency (except for the buzzsaw QRN that has recently taken up residence on the bottom half of the band during early afternoon and evening hours), male DJ popped in with "Zed BVI" ID. Country #47 heard. [JR-NY]

790 BARBADOS Bridgetown, 11/22 0051 - Sudden break through unID with "Super station VOB, 20,000 watts of", then disappeared over/under basketball unID. [DT-JAM]

830 BELIZE BBC Belize, 11/21 0050-0101-2001 - Spanish music, ID at 2001 "BBC Belize", ad for furniture store which also sells cars, news in English, ad for insurance company, interference from unID Cuban, poor. [DT-JAM]

840 ST. LUCIA R. Caribes, Castries, 11/20 1000-1014 - Sign-on chimes, music, female announcer in French (Creole?), REL format, poor, interference from unID Cuban. [DT-JAM]

1100 COLOMBIA HJAT Barranquilla, 11/2 0112-0200 - CARACOL network, music, news, mentioned Washington DX, item on US elections, ID at 2100 as "CARACOL, Colombia", fair. [DT-JAM]

VON  
Radio

NEVIS BROADCASTING CO., LTD.



- 1150 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HIAS Santo Domingo, 11/2 0223-0302 - Spanish music, news, ID as "el doble el Domingo", 2202 mentioned Santo Domingo, fair. [DT-JAM]
- 1170 HAITI 4VRS Port-au-Prince, 11/6 1102-1110 - Woman announcer in French, mentioned "R. Soleil", childrens choir, all sounded REL, fair. [DT-JAM]
- 1380 CUBA Camaguey, 11/11 1015-1030 - Musical selections (including one in English), ID as "R Cadena, Cuba", fair. [DT-JAM]
- 1440 VENEZUELA YVTY Tariba, 11/7 0943-1000 - Spanish music, ID as R. Suceso, taken out by Cuba sign-on (below). [DT-JAM]
- 1440 CUBA R. Surcos, Ciego de Avila, 11/7 1000-1005 - Sign-on, Cuban national anthem, "R. Surcos" ID, plus station info in Spanish. [DT-JAM]
- 1450 BERMUDA VSB-1 Hamilton, 11/11 2115 - Time check given as 5:15 (AST) then ads with several mentions of Bermuda followed by news with a woman at 2121, an ID as "this has been the VSB news" then a C&W song. Fade up/over WUJM with QRM. Finally faded out by 1650. This is my furthest graveyard reception and it's listed as 1000 watts. I don't know what the record reception distance is on 1450, but for my loggings these are certainly records. [LK-ON] (New Zealanders, Australians and Scandinavians have North American graveyard loggings of seven or eight thousand miles, but yours is an extremely fine catch just the same! - Jim)
- 1375t ST. PIERRE ET MIQUELON 11/24/92 0213. [CH-RI]
- 1610 ANGUILLA Caribbean Beacon, 11/24 0220 - Gospel. [CH-RI]

#### TRANS-ATLANTIC DX

- 621t CANARY ISLANDS 12/5 0400 - As tipped by Werner Funkenhauser, I've been noting a strong het here almost every night, no audio though. [JR-NY]
- 774 SPAIN/UNID 11/18 2235 - Fast Spanish talk over station that sounded Arabic (Egypt?). [MC-MA] 12/5 0413 - Briefly noted with man and woman talking in Spanish. [JR-NY]
- 792 SPAIN 11/18 2234 - Poor with man in Spanish. [MC-MA]
- 837 CANARY ISLANDS 11/18 2233 - Man in Spanish, in and out of jumble. [MC-MA]
- 855 SPAIN Murcia, 11/18 2230 - Spanish talk in bad WHDH slop. [MC-MA]
- 891 ALGERIA Algiers, 11/18 2045 - Arabic talk noted during pre-sunset fade-in. [MC-MA]

- 1044 MOROCCO Sebaa-Aioun, 11/18 2225 - Arabic talk, LOUD; possible Spanish station way under. What I can't figure out is why Spain would put anything on this channel when the Moroccan blasts in on the opposite side of the Atlantic! [MC-MA] 11/27 0045 - Tentative with Arabic music, poor. [CH-RI]
- 12/6 0216 - Strong carrier, but shallow audio with talk and music, may have been Arabic, nothing at all on 1053 kHz. [JR-NY]
- 1053 MOROCCO/UNID 11/18 2227 - Two stations here, one was Arabic // 1044, the other (likely BBC) had pop music. [MC-MA]
- 1062 PORTUGAL Norte, 11/18 2110 - Man in Portuguese sometimes getting through slop of CJRP and phased WBIV. 11/18 2223 - Female pop vocal "Take My Breath Away"; smashing in - blowing away the 1060 domestics! [MC-MA]
- 1089 UNID 11/18 2222 - Didn't seem English, possibly Spanish. Lower latitudes predominate early evening receptions putting BBC station in a poorer competitive position than at Euro-dawn. [MC-MA]
- 1089 ENGLAND Brookman's Park et al, 11/18 0645-0650 - To good peaks with DJ taking listeners phone calls; then pop female vocal. [MC-MA]
- 1098 CANARY ISLANDS/SPAIN 11/18 2221 - Spanish talk in mess (growl); frequency control standards on this channel could be better. [MC-MA]
- 1107 SPAIN 11/18 2220 - LOUD with fast talk atop channel; other station, probably Egypt, under. [MC-MA]
- 1206 FRANCE Bordeaux 11/18 2105 - Man and woman in French fair-to-good with WKOX-1200 slop phased. [MC-MA]
- 1215 UNID 11/18 2240 - Carrier and fragments of talk that sounded more like Spanish than English. [MC-MA]
- 1251 LIBYA Tripoli 11/18 2107 - Arabic music, fair. [MC-MA]
- 1325 MOROCCO Safi, 11/18 2218 - French or Spanish talk in WRCA slop; no positive ID but who else could it be on this weird in-between channel? [MC-MA]
- 1332t ITALY 11/18 2217 - Het against local WRCA-1330; audio hopelessly garbled by slop. [MC-MA]

#### Dominica Broadcasting Corporation

P.O. Box 1 • Victoria St. • Roseau  
Commonwealth of Dominica



- 1395 ALBANIA 11/18 2214 - Woman mentioned Tirana during brief peak. [MC-MA]
- 1467 FRANCE Roumoules, 11/18 2212 - Bits of English-sounding talk, in bad slop. [MC-MA]
- 1521 SAUDI ARABIA Duba 11/18 2203 - News by man in Arabic to good peaks. Slop wasn't from 1520 but was from pest local WSSH-1510 (50 kW at 9 miles). The Saudi came up to excellent level by 2210, cutting through the QRM easily with Arabic talk and music. [MC-MA]
- 1530 VATICAN 11/18 2200 - Pips, talk in unID language; over/under WCEG with WDJZ's Portuguese program phased. No WCKY at this early time. Those looking for Madeira might get confused by WDJZ in Portuguese. [MC-MA] (Especially when WDJZ broadcasts later than regular sign-off - Jim)
- 1544 NORTH AFRICAN CLANDESTINE 11/18 2153 - Man in Arabic, chopped by WPTR slop. [MC-MA]
- 1566 AZORES/TUNISIA 11/18 2052 - Portuguese talk over Arabic, SAH about 4 Hz. Slopped by WNSH/ WPEP/ WRHD/ CKLM/ WBUG melange on 1570. Up to stronger level an hour later. [MC-MA]
- 1584 SPAIN 11/18 2156 - Good with fast Spanish talk. [MC-MA]

#### STATION NEWS

- ANGUILLA: A reporter in PLAY-DX, from monitoring 10/29-11/3, says he heard "700 kHz Caribbean Beacon (ex 690 kHz) in // 1610". A second logging shows "690 relay station with program produced by KVOH California // 9875". He also says that unheard and probably inactive are St. Vincent 705 and St. Lucia 840. [Rocco Cotroneo visiting Antigua in PLAY-DX #717] (Loggings above contradict this information; and I have noted a slight het on 705 indicating that St. Vincent is still active as well - Jim)
- BULGARIA: Financial difficulties have delayed the 2 x 500 kW project Kalyakra Cape 1125 kHz. [Stoyan Kovatchev via BE in ARC 11/20/92]
- COLOMBIA: R. Súper 970 & 6065 is aggressively against the new "savings time", called "La Hora de Gaviria" after Venezuela's president, so their timechecks go like this: "La Hora de Venezuela para Colombia". [Henrik Klemetz, Bogotá, in PLAY-DX #717] (Colombia and Venezuela are now both

- UTC-4, Colombia had been UTC-5 - Jim)
- CYPRUS: CBC Nicosia 603 has increased power at 100 kW and is broadcasting program 3. [EBU via BE in ARC 11/20/92]
- GERMANY: SFB 1449 started using the Köpenicke 250 kW transmitter from 11/4/92. [BE in ARC 11/20/92]
- LATVIA: The 150 kW Riga transmitter on 945 is now used by VOA Europe, s/on 0400-1545, approximately 1 second later than 1197 Munich. [BE in ARC 11/20/92]
- LITHUANIA: Swedish Telecom has withdrawn their OK for using 981 kHz. Therefore Baltic Radio International has changed their frequency, will start broadcasting in spring, 1993. [BT via OA/BE in ARC 11/20/92] (But the new frequency not given in this report - Jim)
- MAYOTTE: According to information to WRTH, the new 100 kW transmitter at Pamandzi is now in operation, broadcasting 24 hours, 1930-0300 Sa & Su, relaying France-Inter. [WRTH via BE in ARC 11/20/92]
- POLAND: Raszyn 225 started 10/24/92 with 1000 kW. LW transmitters now broadcast Program 4, MW transmitters broadcast Program 1. [Horst Rauch via BE in ARC 11/20/92]
- SOUTH AFRICA: Radio Xhosa 846 is now using this new channel with 100 kW located at Komga. Schedule is 0200-2200 UTC. Transmitters on 729, 864, and 990 are off. [WRTH via BE in ARC 11/20/92]
- SPAIN: A new list of MW stations in Spain, compiled by Jordi Brunet, has been reproduced in PLAY-DX #717. If you wish a copy, please order from the NRC Publications Center, enclosing enough money to copy three (3) pages (plus NYS tax for NYS residents). Specify "Jordi Brunet Spanish MW List".
- SPAIN (cont'd): The most powerful transmitters of Radio 1 operating on MW in Spain are running reduced power to save money, for example Madrid 585. [M. Molano, Madrid, in PLAY-DX #717]
- SUDAN: A new 100 kW transmitter is in operation from Kadqli, 945 kHz, 0300-2200 UTC. [WRTH via BE in ARC 11/20/92]

10,000 WATTS **ZBVI** 780 AM

## CORRECTIONS

Apologies to Russell Scotka for perpetuating an inaccurate report in DXN 60-6 that he had verified Hawaii 1540. I heard this on a recent edition of "World of Radio". I hope that you at least heard it, Russell?

## CONTRIBUTORS

[DT-JAM] Don Trelford, Runaway Bay, Jamaica  
[CH-RI] Charles Harris, Lincoln RI; R-390A and Superadio 7-2880B, Quantum Loop.

[MD-MA] Mark DeLorenzo, Framingham MA; car receiver.  
[BC-NH] Bruce Conti, Nashua NH; R70, DX400, MWDX-5, 2 60 foot wires.  
[JW-OR] Jack Woods, Waldport OR; ICF-2010, Martens loop.  
[LK-ON] Laurence Kearley, Orleans ON; Sony ICF-SW1, Select-a-tenna.  
[MC-MA] Mark Connelly WA1ION, Billerica MA; Drake R8, 20m and 37m wires with noise-reducing transformers to MWDX-5 Phasing Unit and MWT-3 Regenerative Preselector.  
[JR-NY] Jim Renfrew, Rochester NY; HQ-180, HQ-150, Radio West Loop.

## For Beginners

Information and advice of interest to inexperienced DX'ers

### DX With a Flea Market Radio

Last winter an old Packard-Bell AC-DC table model radio was found in a flea market in a small town in Washington. This "For Beginners" article describes the radio, its rejuvenation, and its performance as a DX receiver.

AC-DC table model radios were manufactured in great numbers before the transistor took over the home radio market. They were known as AC-DC radios because the tube heaters were wired in a series string with no power transformer necessary. They could be powered by a 120 volt DC circuit but that seldom if ever happened, at least in the USA. The radio tube manufacturers produced a series of tubes specifically for these radios. Numerous manufacturers turned out the radios and while external appearances varied, electrical design was about the same in all. Most were five-tube models but six-tube models were common.

The radio is a Packard-Bell Model 602, a six-tube table model manufactured by the Packard-Bell Company, Los Angeles, California. The radio is in a well-worn wood veneer cabinet 14" wide, 8" high, and 5.5" deep. The price paid for the radio was \$35.00. The tubes lit but the only sound from the speaker was a 60-cycle hum. Judging by the cabinet design and the tube lineup, the date of manufacture is estimated to be from 1948 to 1952. The tubes are miniature type, and with the six-tube lineup there is one IF stage and an RF amplifier stage. The built-in antenna is the usual spiral-wound loop mounted on a fibre board which serves as the back cover of the cabinet. There is a spring clip for connecting an external antenna.

Jack Woods

P. O. Box 1003

Waldport, OR 97394-0514

The tuning dial arrangement is most unusual. There are two tuning dials side by side; both for the medium wave band, calibrated from 550 to 1600 kHz. There is a sliding pointer for each dial. However, there is only one tuning knob, one tuning capacitor, and the two dial pointers are secured to the same dial cord, so the two dials give the same frequency readout at the same time. The dial on the left is labeled "Southwest" and carries the call letters of about 35 radio stations in that part of the United States. The dial on the right is labeled "Northwest" and has call letters for about 30 stations in that area. Many of the call letters are still current, including KFI, KGO, KNX, KFBK, KGW, KOMO, and KGA. The call letters are placed in the appropriate locations on the dials to permit tuning the stations without knowing their frequency. However, it seems likely that the dial arrangement was designed mainly to catch the eye of the potential buyer.

With the radio at home and on the workbench, it was found that occasionally a station could be tuned, but the audio would fade out completely in a few seconds. Also noted were several torn or worn-through spots in the speaker cone. The speaker was mounted horizontally with the speaker grill in the top of the cabinet (making the speaker a natural receptacle for dust and other foreign material, such as coffee).

The 60-cycle hum in the speaker indicated a defective filter capacitor. The electrolytic capacitors commonly used in tube-type radios lose their capacitance over time whether the radio is used or not. Filter capacitors were manufactured in numerous shapes and sizes,

and it is not likely that exact filter capacitor replacements for any 40-year-old radio can be found today. Fortunately the capacitance requirement is seldom critical. Provided that the voltage rating of the replacement is not less than that of the original, and the capacitance is approximately the same, the filter will usually work satisfactorily.

In the case of this Packard-Bell a reasonable replacement was found in the catalog of the Antique Electronic Supply Co., Tempe AZ. The radio had a number of paper tubular capacitors. These often become defective over time. Replacements were ordered for all of the paper capacitors because they are available at low cost and installation would not be difficult. Of the six tubes, it was probable that some were in fairly good condition. However, as replacements for all of the tubes were available at reasonable cost, and in order to save time, a complete set was ordered from Antique Electronic Supply Co. The cost of a set of tubes, the filter capacitor, and the paper capacitors was under \$30.00. When the tubes and capacitors were installed the radio came to life. Brief retuning was done to peak the IF transformers and to reset the dial calibration. The speaker cone was repaired by smearing a small amount of Elmer's white glue over the torn spots. It sounds fine.

## Performance

The first test of the radio for DX performance was a daytime comparison with a GE Superadio, with each using its built-in loop antenna. The purpose of testing during the day was to have fade-free ground wave signals only, but because the time of the test was a December afternoon some sky wave signals were present. The location of the testing is a semi-rural area on the Oregon Coast with no high-powered local stations. With one noted exception the Packard-Bell received every station that was received by the Superadio. With a strong signal on 850 kHz, the Superadio could receive KORD 870. Because of poorer selectivity, the 850 signal covered 870 with the Packard-Bell, and KORD could not be heard. The Packard-Bell was next tested during the early morning hours against the Sony ICF-2010/Martens loop combination. Many signals were present. The Packard-Bell compared quite well for sensitivity but its lack of selectivity again showed up. Between the signal from KGNW 820 Seattle and KOA 850 Denver there was music fading in and out and a heterodyne whistle on the Packard-Bell. In that space the Sony received a readable signal on 828 from Japan, with a man speaking. This was with the Sony using its built-in medium wave antenna. The Packard-Bell did receive a fair signal from KMV 1550 HL.

73

*Joak*

## Merry-eyed forecaster retires

■ Former Topeka junior high school science teacher got his start in television at WIBW in the 1950s

By JIM BAGBY  
The Associated Press

**K**ANSAS CITY, Mo. — After the Kansas City area had been soaked by several days of storms, an inquisitive television weatherman asked his viewers, "What'll you give me for some more rain?"

For an answer, Dan Henry of WDAF-TV was hammered by his knees by a baseball bat, as the teaser ended for his upcoming weather slot. Or perhaps a bucket of water cascaded over his head. If the question was "What'll you give me for some more snow?" a barrage of snowballs might be the reply.

The bat was sponge rubber, wielded by an off-camera stagehand, but the water and snow were real. Henry recalls those four- and five-second promos with delight, because they typified the fun he has had in career of almost 38 years in radio and television.

Henry is retiring. The final forecast for the

bespectacled, merry-eyed weatherman came out Wednesday on the 5 p.m. news on channel 4 in Kansas City.

That ends a career that made Henry, according to a New York research firm, the best-recognized and most-liked Kansas City TV personality for three straight years in the mid-1980s.

"Shoot, you gotta have some fun in this business," Henry said Tuesday. "So much of what happens with the weather is serious, you have to respect that. But a lot of it is just routine. So when I can liven things up I figure everyone is gonna enjoy it more. I sure do."

The same philosophy applied to his many years on radio, first with WIBW in Topeka, then with channel 4's sister station, WDAF-TV. As a morning disc jockey, then host of his own show, Henry always was good for some recorded hilarity, or for the gags he delivered with the timing of a master comedian.

Henry always enjoyed making people laugh. For 10 years he was front man for a comedy quartet, the "Merry Mugs." Dressed as hoboes, they twice in the 1960s represented the Barbershop Harmony Society on USO tours to troops and hospitals in the Far East.

Those who know him best say his outgoing and entertaining personality was evident throughout his career.

"Dan is genuine," says Ed Plette, general manager of WDAF-TV. "Too often in our business,

that's a unique quality. But Dan is not a different persona when the cameras are turned on."

At the recent retirement dinner put on by the station, a crowd of 600 paid tribute to Henry. Among the special guests was Lt. Col. Harry Smith, divisional commander for the Salvation Army, who presented Henry a necklace of Salvation Army Christmas ornaments.

Through the years, Henry has been a representative for such charities as the Salvation Army, American Heart Association and Easter Seals.

Born 67 years ago in the southeast Kansas town of Coffeyville, Henry served in the Navy, then got his teaching degree from Kansas State University. While teaching at the former Roosevelt Junior High School in Topeka, primarily eighth-grade science, he obtained his master's degree at the University of Kansas.

Looking for a way to help support his growing family, he called WIBW looking for a summer job. "I would even have swept out," he kids. What he landed was a fill-in spot for an announcer going on vacation.

Four years later, in October 1959 and with teaching forgotten, he moved to WDAF-TV. He later got involved with radio and TV sales, and in 1977 he began splitting air time with WDAF-TV.

He and his wife of 46 years, Estyl, have two sons and a daughter, one grandchild and another on the way. The retired couple plans to travel, with Hawaii and Ireland their favorite spots.

The Topeka Capital Journal  
-via Paul Swearingen



EASTERN UTAH BROADCASTING

BOX 875 - PRICE, UTAH 84501-0875 - (801) 637-1167  
A B C CONTEMPORARY & F M NETWORKS

# Musings of the Members

**Dave Schmidt**  
P. O. Box 11502  
Wilmington, DE 19850-1502

*Times are local per Muse; submit double-spaced only.*

*Thoughts from NRC members ... the opinions expressed in this column are those of the individual writer and do not necessarily reflect those of the editors, publishers, or the National Radio Club, Inc.*

Looking back into some 1979 DX NEWS' in the last few days. we're going to steel an idea from ERNIE 'Flying Fingers' COOPER when he did this column....weekly and twice as many reporters!

BRUCE REYNOLDS - 1617 CORTE DE MEDEA - SAN JOSE, CA 95124

----- Well, I got a 'legal' ID from 1550 Salt Lake City which I think affirms the call as KRGQ. It went like this: 'The Rocky Mountain Network, 107.9 KZQQ Roy, Clearfield, Lake (?), KRGQ West Valley City, KRGQ AM & FM 103 in Salt Lake, 108 for the rest of the state, we're one-double-five-oh, Country Cargo, KRGQ', how's that for mumbo-jumbo! Since West Valley City is a suburb of Salt Lake City, I assume KRGQ is the 1550 call despite the KRGQ AM-FM line. They seem to be CW except on Sunday afternoon when they play rock oldies as 'WKRP'. DX: 11/9 KAZM-780 finally IDed w/KROW w/weather then into Larry King at 10:06PM. 11/12: KNUU-970, all news, ID at 6:30AM o/KBEE. 11/12 finally brought a taped ID of KRCX-1110. They are still Spanish despite former parallel station KRCX-650's switch to talk. 11/18 brought in 5 new ones, 4 of them on 1230, to push the total, taped to over 350, KYXE-1020 at 5:05PM in Spanish (Radio Centro) in the null of KTNQ, KCBN-1230 atop at 5:30PM with ID & EZ listening music, KBQV-1230, nostalgia format, ID, ABC news at 6PM. KQIK-1230 atop nicely at 6:25PM with 'Quick Country' logo and CW music and KPRL-1230 with ID at 7:07PM. 11/20 I finally got a clear taped ID from KEYX-1400 at 6:30AM. They still use the 'KEY' slogan formerly shared with the 980 station in Fresno. Apparently the 2 stations are no longer simulcasting, or at least not during morning drive time. I haven't been able to catch a legal ID from the 980 outlet since they were reported to have changed calls, but I have heard them using the logo "Oldies 92.5". 11/20 a surprise visitor was CKRD-700 with an ID during a hockey broadcast at 8:30PM. 73

RUSS EDMUNDS (WB2BJH) - 753 VALLEY ROAD - BLUE BELL, PA 19422-2052

----- Hello again! It's been a while since I made these pages. Summer FM season was comparatively poor with the exception of an opening to the midwest in June, which was brief, and a couple of days in August with some southward enhancement. I had less time to DX FM at prime opening times this summer. AM so far has been uneventful, but that's normal here, since sunrise/sunset is the main ingredient, and the timing isn't right except for the end of October after the time changes. So, I've been seeing what the graveyard frequencies hold here. 1230 has been mostly a mix of WERI/WITH?WENY until WODE's recent return to the air. WBVP/WBPZ have both made a couple of appearances as well, along with WCMC. WAMM was in for a new one 11/11 for a full ID between CW selections at 8PM. By day, there is a major spur from WZZD-990 on 1230. It's directional but strong (I'm about 5 miles from WZZD, and have carried it up to 10 miles in the car.) 1240 is mostly WAGO/WSNJ by day and WGBB/WSNJ by night. 1340 is all WHAT, of course. 1400 is a mix of WABY/WSTC/WWIN & occasionally WOND & CJFP. Newie WDNV wandered in 11/18 at 6:50PM with an ad & ID. 1450 features WOL/WMAJ & occasionally WFPG. 1490 is mostly WBCB with occasional WUSS/WGCH. (See if you hear the het from WPAM on 1450 days-DWS). I have also heard WWJZ-640 several times testing. Barring any significant directive conditions, I'll likely pursue 1580 & graveyards at sunset from now until mid-December, when I'll have some time to do some real sunset DX at home instead of in the car nearby. At this point, I don't know if I'll make the 60th anniversary convention or not. It might take bending some business travel around it. I'd still be interested in comparing FM notes/UNID's/etc with someone reasonably local, SE PA or Central NJ, maybe we can help each other out. I'm aiming to get an ANSWERMAN column together shortly, despite having very little information for it and very little time to do it. Sounds like a perfect match but I'd prefer more than a half to three-quarter page column-hi! Guess that's it for now! 73's

BILL HARDY - 2301 PACIFIC AVENUE - ABERDEEN, WA 98520-4527

----- Since I let a year slip between MUSINGS, a re-intro is in order. I'm 45, have DXed since 1960 mostly here in Aberdeen. Since 1978, I have worked at a retail garden center/pet store combo and before that, I worked 12 years in local radio. Wife Nancy, editor of DDXD-West 1986-1989, has been a member of the NRC since 1969 (I joined in 1974 when we married). We have a son 6 and a daughter 3 plus up to 4 more kids in the home when Nancy's Daycare business is open. It's easiest to DX when the kids sleep but 11/7, Nancy & I sat on 830, 6-7PM PST waiting for an ID from new CKKY, which is ex-CILW-1230 Wainwright, AB. We got "Nashville Record Review" with Crook & Chase of TNN-TV, ads, Alberta PSA's, "Key 83" slogans but no firm ID. At 7PM, we got a firm ID from KRDX-650, they changed format 11/2 to news-talk, formerly Spanish twinning KRCX-1110. They're using 'KST' slogans with a call change to KSTE pending, I think 'KST' suggests 'Sacramento Talk'. 11/19 Nancy was awake early, 5:45AM and got firm mentions of Wainwright on 830. 11/20, I tried, too, and stayed around till 6:23AM to hear 'Key 83 Commu-

ity Update', and address of Box 1476, Wainwright, AB T0B 4P0. CKKY doesn't use call letters, just 'Key 83, All Hit Country' slogans. (Canadians only have to give a legal ID once every 24 hours-DWS). 11/22 I've been hearing someone on 1360 Sunday/Monday mornings with SMN oldies during KKMO's silent period, finally ID'd 3:39AM after 1 1/2 hours of waiting, much wanted KRRK. They gave contest rules for KRRK & FM sister KQSW. 5AM KCID-1490 not heard in years, atop with Caldwell-Nampa dual ID going into ABC news. Just up 184 from KCID is KBKR, which now twins with KBLM-1450, suspect they're the ones underneath with 'Eastern OR' mention, but unneeded. 11PM tried for KNAK-540 TEST, this on my "most wanted" list for RICK DAU's contest but not a peep, just CBK (s/off 11:08PM PST), UNID religion (likely KVIP) and UNID music. 11/25 5AM KRDX-650 has changed calls to KSTE, eked out ID under strong CISL just before ABC news. Glad I relogged KRDX on 11/7, they hadn't been officially logged till then. Happy Holidays to all, 73 & Good DX!

GARY SCRIMGEOUR - 570-188 DOUGLAS STREET - VICTORIA, BC V8V 2P1

----- You might think that seeing my international domestic achievements listing in DAN's column in issue #3, with the last update being 1971, must have woke up, but I'd been planning on writing a MUSING anyway. I've just retired and returned to the W Coast as of 11/13. I took early retirement from the Univ of Toronto and Phyllis & I have bought a condominium apartment here in Victoria. It's concrete-steel construction, so probably not the greatest for DX. The only DXing I have tried so far has been in the car at Trafalgar Park or nearer home near Clover Point (both facing S, right on Juan de Fuca Strait). There's at least one station on almost every 10kHz channel. With so little interference, I should have lots of fun with domestic DXing. Foreign may be a little harder. It'll take me a while to figure out which stations are regulars because quite a few changes have taken place since I last DXed in BC (73-74). I've noticed that some stations that are quite loud in Vancouver are much weaker here (eg: CHUB-1570). Lots of CA stations seem to come in well before sunset. It'll be fun starting my log all over again and I'll send in any real DX I get. A big change I noticed when I drove W for a holiday in the summer of 91 and again this past June was the greatly increased coverage by FM stations. For example, between Hearst & Longlac, ON, there was almost nothing on the AM band (CKAP near Hearst and Thunder Bay-560 near Longlac, were audible but weak), but CBC FM relays could be heard loudly all the way. The BC mountains, though, still prevent continuous listening W of Jasper, AB most of the way to Kamloops has little daytime radio. 73 (Welcome back, Gary, glad to have you 'back in the fold'! Please report often!-DWS)

CARL MANN - 6711 SOUTH 139 AVENUE CIRCLE - OMAHA, NE 68137

----- This being my 1st MUSING in over 30 years, a brief reintro may be needed. 30 years...now I know how those old timers felt when I was a beginner! I started DXing in the late 50's and was a member until the early 60's. The late-night chases faded as other interests came along. But the DXer in me remained, re-awakening in 77 when I started up again. Except for a 10 year desertion to SW, I have now come full circle, rejoining and rehosting an Omaha convention with ERNIE WESOLOWSKI. Had a good time meeting some new members and some who were only names in print til then. Also, caught up on a lot with JOHN CALLERMAN & JOHN SAMPSON who I haven't seen since those early conventions of Omaha '59 & Amarillo '61. I have been in broadcasting in the intervening years which included some wild nights on the skywave at KOMA-1520. Spent a decade in Cedar Rapids, IA (KCRG-1600, KOCR-102.7) and returned to Omaha in 87. Worked at KOIL-1290 for the 3rd time, spent the summer in news at WOW-590/94.1 and now am news director for KESY-1420/104.5. 4AM wake-up call each morning is useful for DX checks with time divided between chasing Latins on 60M & BCB. To DX: 10/27 logged XESFP-780 & XEQM-740. An outdated log, though, so not sure of their full identity. Caught my 1st log of KTWQ-1030 on 10/27. Casper, WY once was home for me while I worked at the now silent KATI in the 60's. 11/23 XEMA-690 owned the channel at 6:51PM. Caught log on KNBR-680 11/24 at 5AM for a report. Doing selective reporting of the more historic or major calls. Only verie: WQAI-1200. Really enjoyed the history of BCB by THOMAS WHITE. A January DXpedition in the country in nearby Fremont, NE is being organized by ERNIE W. & there's room for more. Interested persons, get in touch! Hope everyone has a good DX season! (And a welcome back to you, too, Carl, do report in often!-DWS)

RAY ARRUDA - 47 BURT STREET - ACUSHNET, MA 02743-1939

----- Happy, healthy & prosperous New Year to all! Hearing a new station is becoming increasingly harder and less frequent as the years pass but MW DX is still an excellent hobby that is thoroughly enjoyed here. 3 new veries have arrived: WQIN-1290, WRIV-1390 & WSMI-1540 for tentative reception of the first test. I have decided, after much thought, to revise my heard totals downward by about 100 stations, which should be reflected in the next DDXA column. I've dropped all stations with call changes that have not verified under the old. Call changes have been so frequent the last 5 years that for the most part, will not be reverified under the new calls unless there is a change of the stations facilities. Approx. 50 stations that have been verified solely due to call changes will remain part of the verified totals. Updated, the new heard/verified totals as on 1/93 would be 1244/1050. I love my tube radios!!! 73



ERNEST COOPER - 5 ANTHONY STREET - PROVINCETOWN, MA 02657

----- Two more veries have trickled in, and both are from previously difficult-to-verify stations, WOGL-1210 & WMVI-1160. I visited WMVI back in August when I was on vacation in Leeds, NY and talked to the DJ who explained that the owner was a procrastinator and that he never got around to answering mail. He told me if I would send him my report when I got back home, he'd see to it that he'd verify it for me, but I never did get around to sending it to him. When AL QUAGLIARI offered to walk veries through the station, I sent that report to him, and it produced a fine letter - my heartfelt thanks, AL! WMVI is located in a rickety old building on the 2nd floor and the place looked like it had been visited by wild bulls. (And you should see their transmitter building, it's the pump house of the water company!-DWS) I've been trying to verify all the NE PA stations on the low end of the dial, which theoretically should be audible here at sunset, and I've been concentrating on 750 for WWAX in Olyphant, which has been an elephantine task. On 11/10, WSB was already pounding in at 4:04PM. On 11/16, I heard stock market news there at 4:12PM, call letters which sounded like WUNK and then mention of WEVD-1050! (The American Radio Forum network takes feeds from WEVD around this time-DWS). But at last, on 11/27 WWAX made it in from 3:59-4:15PM when WSB pushed them away, for a report. It was fun chasing them. On 11/12, under WQXR at 5:16PM, a talk show on homosexuality was heard but not IDed. On 850, with WHDH nulled as much as possible, 4:01-4:06PM news then MoR music like 'Climb Every Mountain', I was hoping for WREF but no ID snuck through. I heard a commentator mention WTNH in New Haven, I don't find this call on either AM or FM, anybody shed some light on this? (WTNH is Ch. 8 New Haven-DWS) 11/24 WGAM-1520 was coming in fairly well over WWKB & a TV sweep whistle for a second try for a verie. 11/26 a report to WWWV-1130 over/under WNEW with CW music 4:20-5:01PM. 11/28 the Larry King on 1280 turns out to be unneeded WABK, if you need ME, try for this one. 12/1 passing over 1230 at 2:55AM, I caught an ID from unneeded WLFH followed by that hilarious rendition of Jingle Bells by the Barking Dogs! I had a wonderful time at RAY ARRUDA's gettogether on 11/21, twas attended by 17 DX-ers. And to all a very Merry Christmas/Chanukkah and a Happy & Profitable 1993. May your speakers be filled with much DX and your verie albums get fatter & fatter! Forward - March into a New Year!

GERRY BISHOP - 126 DYER STREET - NICEVILLE, FL 32578

----- No sooner had my last MUSE gone via DWS to the printers then WCNU-1010 went silent AGAIN! According to a story in the local paper, the new owner was arrested on an outstanding warrant. Details were typically thin but it was a while collar crime of minor importance. Nonetheless, all his personal assets are going to legal fees. This may be the death knell for WCNU or it could do the phoenix again. Also locally, WBZR-1120 continues silent. The owner still plans to put it back on the air with a sat-fed business format, yet has no tower up or local advertising to support the endeavor. Previous transmissions on this one were from Niceville, using studio space and equipment rented from WFSH-1340. WFTW-1260 & WNUE-1400 each have new ownership. Both carry sat-fed talk radio with no local personality. Do any members in the area know a competent R390A technician? Please drop me a line or call (904) 729-1164 (not collect, please). Luckily, the R8 & DX440 are performing superbly. 73's and great DX to you all in 1993!

MIKE SANBURN - P O BOX 1256 - BELLFLOWER, CA 90707

----- Greetings! This is my 1st MUSING! I am glad to be a new member of the NRC (although I've been reading sample copies of DX NEWS for many years now). I also belong to the IRCA & SCADS. I began CBX DXing when I was in grade school. 1992 marks my 20th anniversary with the hobby. I avidly collect verifications & station business cards (as well as credit cards and baseball cards). When I can, I like to get as many radio T shorts, coverage maps, bumper stickers and aircheck cassettes as space will allow! My current rig is the GE Superadio II. I'll be buying a Superadio III soon (this week it was on sale at the Best catalog store for \$39.95). In the past, I have used a Halicrafters S38E, RCA 1RA11, Realistic DX160B, and TRF portable. Hope to buy a new boat anchor (communications receiver) in the near future. Conditions so far this fall have been very good with several new graveyard catches. I've had a window to the N recently, Canadians are coming in loud & clear! I plan on listening for most of the upcoming CPC tests. These tests in past seasons have given me loggings such as WAGL, KONA, KTUS, KWCO & KMTI. With the upcoming band expansion, I predict that we'll all keep very busy. By the way, the 2 new features 'Now & Then' and 'Did you know' look really sharp. I hope everybody has a great Christmas and a Happy New Year! 73 (And a welcome to you, Mike, glad to have you among us and that you'll report in often!-DWS)

RON BAILEY (AA4S) - 420 COMMUNITY ROAD - SHELBY, NC 28152-8230

----- In my MUSE contained in V59#27 7/6/92, I mentioned I could possibly assist anyone trying to ID some of my local GOS/REL formatted stations. Along those lines, I hope I was able to assist HARRY HAYES with his 960 UNID (WAAK-Dallas, NC) in V60#8 11/30/92. He did an excellent job of providing adequate information including the phone exchange (which I recognized immediately). Congratulations to him on what I consider to be a real fine catch! If you could see the setups some of these stations use, you would be amazed that their signals get out of town! Several members of the local 2 meter FM repeater group who work in the broadcasting industry actually do maintenance work for local stations. I've heard them tell some real horror stories. Couple this with the fact that many of

these stations don't feel obligated to ID frequently and, bingo, you have an UN-ID. Hope I can be of more assistance after the fall hame contest season. Very 73!

JEFF KITZE - C/o: 490 LOUD ROAD - FAIRPORT, NY 14450

----- Here's my "Once in a While" MUSING. This is around my 26th year DX-ing the MW bands. I've only been a member of the NRC going on 3 years or so now. It was nice to find out there was a club with people that had such a similar unique interest. I think that the NRC should make its presence known better so that potential members will be able to find out about it easier. So far this season, things have been picking up as far as DX goes, CA, CO along with OK, TX & UT, etc. have been coming in more frequently. Recent veries include old faithfuls, KRNG, KVOO, WBAP, WOAT. I'm still waiting to hear from KOA & KSL. I'm trying to build up a collection of 'newer' veries, that reflect the demise of the clear channels. Veries are very slow however, like many people have been talking about. Even with prepared cards, postage paid, etc., many stations apparently don't wish to be bothered. I guess that this reflects the current economic state of the business these days? I hear that the new AM RADIO LOG, 13th Edition looks nice, will be ordering mine shortly. My old one is all marked up with changes/corrections. A comment to DAVE EVANS, looks like you've been doing pretty well lately. A lot of the stations that you're picking up are probably still on their day power such as WJJD, WAWK, etc., due to the time zone difference between you and them. Also, some stations did not reset their clocks on the automatic power/pattern change equipment, when DST ended. Here's a controversial issue I'll throw out for discussion, how about merging IRCA/NRC back into one club? Wouldn't the hobby be better off? Maybe, however, it is good to have diversity? It would be interesting to peruse through responses to this idea. This is a comment to the other members located in DDXD-E land, why not make "Dave Braun's day" by sending in your loggings to him? I know there are a lot of you out there..... 73's and best wishes to everyone!

BRUCE REYNOLDS - 1617 CORTE DE MEDEA - SAN JOSE, CA 95124

----- I did indeed have something to be thankful for this year. When I turned on the Superadio II for a bit of DX during coffee and newspaper time on Thanksgiving morning, I noted some music on 850 around 6:50AM. I figured it was coming from the N and guess it to be KMTT. I moved on up to 870 and stopped there to see where the religious program there was coming from. It turned out to be from KIEV, so I tuned back down to 850 at 6:59AM (local sunrise time) and where I heard a weather forecast. I knew I had something unusual when it was announced that sunrise would be at 11:12AM!! Sure enough, it turned out to be KICV, my 1st Alaskan ever. As a topper to that, we returned home about 11PM on 11/27 and I turned on the set. I noticed someone sharing 890 with KXBU. At first I thought it would be WLS. However, it turned out to be a Canadian with 'Oldies Coast to Coast', presumably CJDC. As I couldn't get an ID, I kept listening. After 11:30 PM, I began hearing R&B music instead of oldies. I heard a semi-audible ID and realized that it was KBBI, my 2nd Alaskan in less than 48 hours! They fortuitously peaked beautifully for a clear ID at 12:01AM and for 5 minutes were at arm-chair level! Before calling it a night, I noted CW under WCCO, but couldn't get an ID. CILW?? KNCO was off and KPIS was nulled. Other DX: On a tip from DX NEWS that KKAL-1280 had switched to a sports talk format, I bagged them at 7PM on 11/23 for a needed taped ID. Their logo is now 'Kay-Kal'. The new KAJK-1090 call (ex-KNCR) was heard at 7AM on 11/27. They play CW and their logo is "Kay-Jack" On 11/25 KERR-750 was heard at 3:40PM thru KCBS splash. 73

DAVE SCHMIDT - P O BOX 11502 - WILMINGTON, DE 19850

----- A thanks to GEORGE NITSHRE, BILL BURROWS, and JOE FELA for the calls this week. It is great to see the reporters coming back to the column once again and the interest in the hobby showing up, especially the fine reports from BRUCE REYNOLDS, a tip of the hat to you BRUCE and thanks for your support! It looks like we may have WKNK-1600 back for engineering services due to some recent changes. More as that happens. We'll feature our radio station members reports next issue and would like to hear from our Hollow State members once again, for a salute to them in January, let us know if you got some new "old" equipment. Tubes are out-dated you say? The former CE at WKSZ-100.3 left the station recently, going into business for himself, building you know what, TUBE AMPLIFIERS! There still must be a market for it in this day and age! RICHARD D'ANGELO, any info available on the ANARC SWR-FEST? On 12/6, I tried some sunset listening here but the line/light noise was very high and nothing was heard, the noise was just about even with local WDEL-1150, very discouraging. With about 5 or 6 houses on the same power system, any noise that gets on the line goes through the whole system. When you get around any of the lines in that hookup, the noise is at the same level regardless. The only way to isolate it is to pull the power one at a time going into the houses (which the electric company did once when I had them out here about 5 years ago). Luckily, late night/early AM is quite. That's it for this go-round, CUN7 and maybe 7 more! 73 